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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

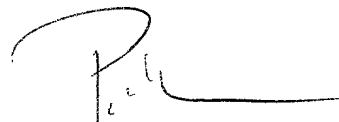
Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification

On page 1, line 6, after "This application is a", please insert --continuation of
U.S.S.N. 09/265,299, filed March 9, 1999, which is a--

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d), the copy of the executed Declaration included in the new application is a copy of the executed Declaration filed in parent application Serial No. 09/265,299, to which the new application claims benefit.

A Preliminary Amendment and an Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed.

Applicants also enclose from prior application U.S.S.N 09/265,299 filed March 9, 1999, copies of the (a) executed Assignment from Stephen T. Sonis and Edward G. Fey to Mucosal Therapeutics LLC, recorded August 30, 1999, at Reel 010209, Frame 0099; and (b) executed Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) by Mucosal Therapeutics LLC.

This application is entitled to small entity status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

Submitted with the new application are a (1) check in the amount of \$481.00 to cover the filing fee for a small entity; (2) Fee Transmittal (PTO/SB/17); and (3) Utility Patent Application Transmittal (PTO/SB/45). It is believed that \$481.00 is the proper filing fee for a small entity, as the application includes 3 independent claims and a total of 34 claims after entry of the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Order Account No. 01-2507. To facilitate this process, applicants have enclosed a duplicate of this letter.

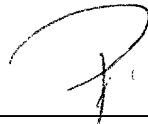
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